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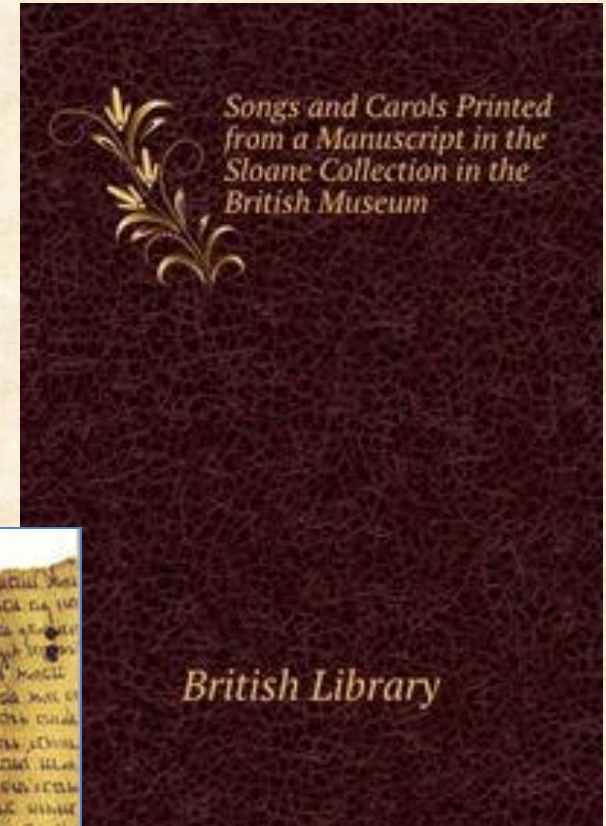


It has a copy of every book that is printed in the English language. Now it has more than 6 million books.

They receive nearly two thousand books and papers daily.



The British Museum Library has a big collection of printed books and manuscripts.



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You can find there some of the first English books printed by William Caxton.



The xviij. fable is of the labourer and of the children



He that laboureth, continually may nat taye to haue plentye of goodes. as it appereth by this presente fable. of a goode man laboure whych all his lyf had labourecd and wrought a was ryche a t han he shulde dye/ he sayd my tresoure, I haue left in my byne & after that the gode mā was dede his children whych supposed y^e his tresour had ben in the byne dyd no thynge al day but delued/ and it bare moze fruyte than it dyd befoze. for who

so traualleth well. he hathe ever byde ynough for to ete. and he that woorketh nat dyeth for hunger.

There fenysheth the fables of Esop.

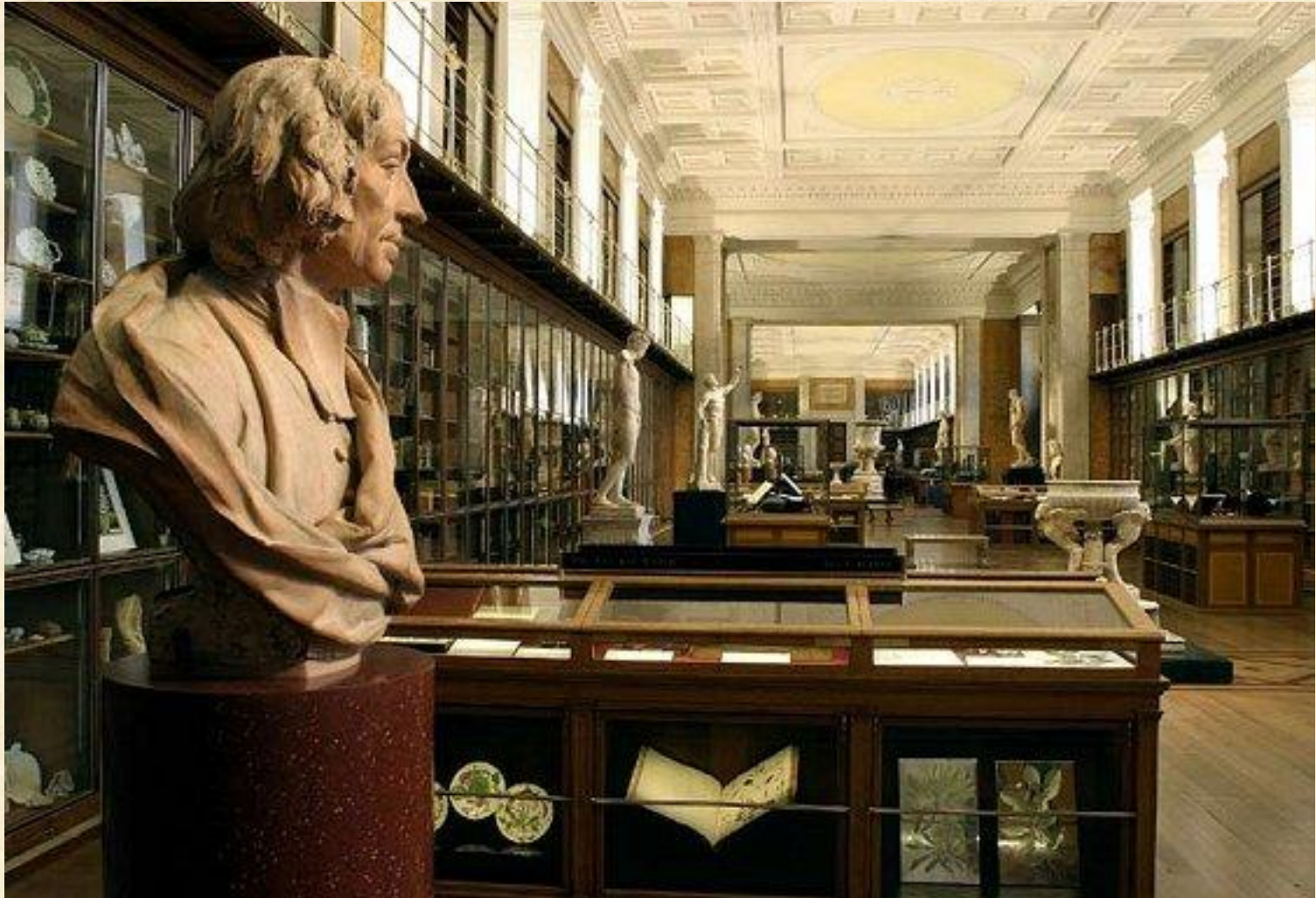
William Caxton was a printer who lived in the XV century.



He made the first printing-press
in England.



In the reading-room of the British Museum many famous men have read and studied.



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